

Truly a Bigger and Better Job

Hundreds of hopeful jobseekers attended the 2012 Precinct 7 Bigger Better Job Fair at the Third Ward Multiservice Center, Tuesday, May 1, 2012, hosted by Constable May Walker and the Ministers Supporting Precinct 7.

Event attendees were as pleased with the variety of employers and staffing agencies as hiring and recruitment agents were with them. According to Mike Klutchka of the **Houston Police Department (HPD) Employee Services Division Recruiting Unit**, officers had the opportunity to meet and speak with approximately 18 qualified applicants interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement.

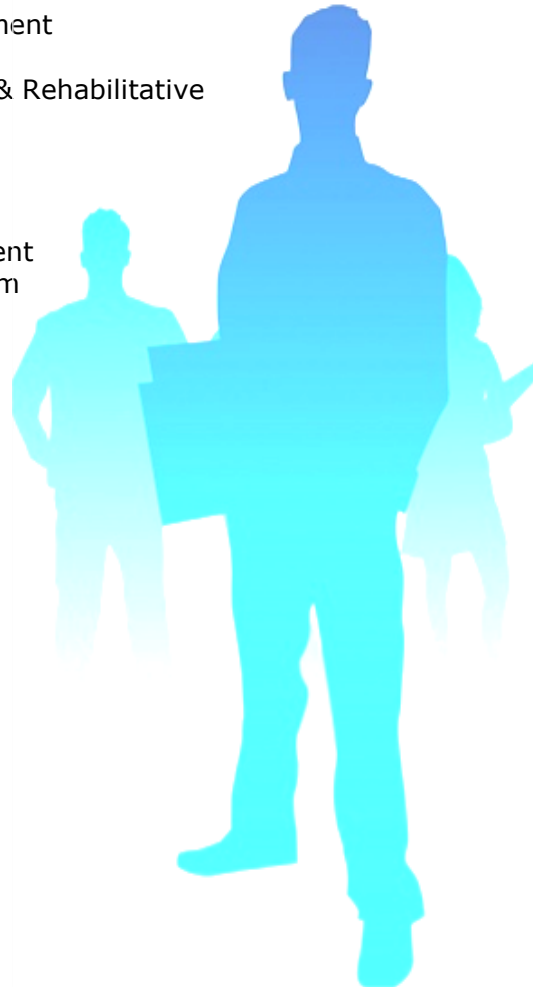
This Precinct 7 Bigger Better Job Fair is an annual event that is meant to expose area jobseekers to hiring trends, provide them the chance to explore career opportunities within a variety of companies at one location, and allow them to develop relationships that might lead to a job.





Participating Agencies

Allied Barton Security Services
ARMY
AVANCE Houston
Buffalo Soldiers' National Museum (Informational)
Carlton Staffing
Chase Bank
City of Houston, Housing & Community Development Dept.
City of Houston
City of Houston, Solid Waste Management Department
DeVry University
Division for Rehabilitation Services/ Department for Assistive & Rehabilitative
Equal Opportunity Employment Commission
4W Solutions, INC
First Convenience Bank
Goodwill Houston
Harris County Human Resource & Risk Management
Harris County Precinct 7 Reserve Deputy Program
Harris County Precinct 7 Victims Assistance
HEB #540 Gulfgate
Houston Area Urban League
Houston Fire Department
Houston Police Department (Recruiting Unit)
Houston Texans YMCA
JS 101
Radio One Houston 97.9 The Box
Randall's Food Markets
Raising Caines Chicken Fingers
Securitas Security
Strayer University
The Art Institute
Total Package
The WorkFaith Connection
Western & Southern Life



Tips to Getting Hired



Resume Needs Work One of the top reasons you may not be getting calls for the jobs you've sent resumes to, could be the very resume itself. Your resume should demonstrate all the characteristics, skill sets, and experience that the particular job you are applying to, requires. Not only should your resume be professional and comprehensive, but it should also be updated regularly. Moreover, it is always a good idea to not only custom tailor your cover letter to the position you are applying to, but also that of your resume. Add skills and qualifications that the job is asking for. You want to give the employer a best first impression and give them the experience they asked for.

Gaps in Experience Another common reason for not getting the job is that your resume may have huge gaps in work history that are unexplained. This leads the employer to think that you either had a bad employment experience during that time or were unemployed altogether. The employer will then become suspicious as to why you were not being hired by anyone.

Not Prepared Just because you get an interview, does not mean that you are a shoe-in for the job. You have to make sure to prepare for your interview with good answers to possible questions that the employer could ask. Bring all portfolios and other examples of work you have.

Lots of Jobs Another reason why a potential employer might find you an unattractive hire for their position is that you have a lot of jobs listed in a relatively short amount of time. This shows them that you lack the ability to keep a job and your career interests are subject to change.

Shaky References You may have gotten the interview, aced it, and the employer is considering you for the position; but if you give shaky professional references, your candidacy could go from probable to not at all. Make sure to choose only solid work references-people who you know will give you a stellar reference. Quality over quantity.

Negativity Lastly, though you may have hated your last boss, hated the job, and felt more than underappreciated, you can never ever paint your last job in a negative light. Though it may all be true, your potential employer will see it as you having a bad attitude-and certainly no worth to their company. This is why you should always show your last employer as good but as having an environment that no longer challenges you. Therefore, it looks like you not only have a positive attitude, but also that you have a drive to succeed and grow.